

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph found on page 60, lines 1-6 of the specification with the following paragraph:

-- The following sample has been deposited in accordance with the Budapest Treaty at the recognised depositary Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ), currently located at Inhoffenstraße 7 B, 38124 Braunschweig, Germany, under the terms of the Budapest Treaty, on 2 September 2003 (2003-09-02):

DSM 15889 (which is *Lactobacillus sakei* DC 570), --